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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA PUBLIC SCHOOLS Department of School Readiness/Early Childhood Programs State Office of Even Start Programs William F. Goodling FY 2005 Even Start Family Literacy Program

The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), Department of School Readiness/Early Childhood Programs is pleased to announce the FY 2005 Even Start Family Literacy Grant. The Even Start Family Literacy Program is a federal initiative authorized by Title 1, Part B, of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 (P.L. 103-382) as amended, and the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (P.L. 107-110). The District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), State Office of Even Start Family Literacy Programs is soliciting applications from qualified applicants to provide family literacy programs that involve parents and children from birth through age eight (8). The Even Start Program's purpose is to help break the cycle of poverty and illiteracy by improving the educational opportunities of the nation's low-income families by integrating early childhood education, adult literacy or adult basic education, parenting education, and parent/child interaction into a unified family literacy program.

It is anticipated that DCPS State Even Start Office will have available approximately \$1,046,633 to award new grants. Applicants may apply for an amount in the range of \$75,000 to \$150,000.

The Request for Application (RFA) will be released on May 16, 2005 and the deadline for submission is June 2, 2005 (Continuation Grants) and June 16, 2005 (New Applicants) at 4:00 p.m. For additional information, please contact Ms. Deidre M. Hunt at CDH Management and Consulting on (202) 641-5766. The RFA will be available on the Mayor's Office of Partnership and Grants Development (OPGD) website,

http://www.opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,586841,opgdNav,|33041|.asp and the District of Columbia Public School (DCPS) website, www.k12.dc.us no later than, May 18, 2005.

A Pre-Application Conference will be held on May 26th, 2005 from 2:00pm to 4:00pm at 825 N. Capitol St., NE, 9th Floor (Renewal Room), Washington, DC 20002.